

CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator: Rachel Ellman	Team: Squad #8	CCRB Case #: 201709851	<input type="checkbox"/> Force	<input type="checkbox"/> Discourt.	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S.
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abuse	<input type="checkbox"/> O.L.	<input type="checkbox"/> Injury
Incident Date(s) Friday, 11/24/2017 5:40 PM	Location of Incident: Cadman Plaza West and Middagh Street	Precinct: 84	18 Mo. SOL 5/24/2019	EO SOL 5/24/2019	
Date/Time CV Reported Fri, 11/24/2017 7:49 PM	CV Reported At: CCRB	How CV Reported: Call Processing System	Date/Time Received at CCRB Fri, 11/24/2017 7:49 PM		

Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Address

Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command
1. POM Zeeshan Taqi	12035	942598	084 PCT

Witness Officer(s)	Shield No	Tax No	Cmd Name
1. POM Egemen Aydin	10613	961631	084 PCT

Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation
A.POM Zeeshan Taqi	Abuse: Police Officer Zeeshan Taqi questioned § 87(2)(b) [REDACTED]	

Case Summary

On November 24, 2017 at approximately 5:40 p.m., § 87(2)(b) a § 87(2)(b)-old Black woman, was walking east on Middagh Street in Brooklyn. As § 87(2)(b) approached the intersection of Middagh Street and Cadman Plaza West, PO Zeeshan Taqi, of the 84th Precinct, allegedly drove onto the sidewalk in front of § 87(2)(b) and asked her if she lived in the area. (**Abuse of Authority: Questioned**, § 87(2)(g)).

Findings and Recommendations

Allegation A—Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Zeeshan Taqi questioned § 87(2)(b)

As § 87(2)(b) walked east on Middagh Street and prepared to turn left onto Cadman Plaza West, she noticed a marked NYPD van parked across the street, at the Brooklyn Bridge exit ramp. Suddenly, the vehicle drove across the street, and pulled up onto the sidewalk in front of § 87(2)(b). PO Taqi, the driver of the vehicle, was closest to § 87(2)(b). PO Taqi stuck his head out of the vehicle and asked § 87(2)(b) if she lived in the neighborhood. In response, § 87(2)(b) asked PO Taqi why he was asking. PO Taqi said he wanted to know if § 87(2)(b) had any problems with which he could help, to which § 87(2)(b) told him to stop harassing her. (Board Review 01)

PO Taqi had no recollection of this incident, and had no familiarity with § 87(2)(b). PO Taqi was a Neighborhood Coordination Officer (NCO) during this tour, and said his NCO work typically concerns the Farragut Houses on Nassau Street. PO Taqi said that, otherwise, the NCO assignment often entails driving around the precinct to make sure everything is okay in the area. Because PO Taqi was RMP operator on this date, he did not have detailed memo book entries. PO Taqi had no recollection of being in the Cadman Plaza area on this incident, nor of interacting with any civilians while inside the RMP. PO Taqi said he sometimes gives directions to people who ask for help, but that he did not recall an individual approaching his vehicle to ask directions and that he did not drive up onto the sidewalk to approach someone on this date. PO Taqi is authorized by the NYPD to grow facial hair, and estimated he started to have facial hair in October 2017. (Board Review 02)

PO Aydin had no recollection of this incident, nor any familiarity with § 87(2)(b). PO Aydin's memo book indicates that he and PO Taqi were driving in the area of Cadman Plaza Park at various points in their tour. In some of these jobs, PO Aydin and PO Taqi pulled up to locations and sat in a parked vehicle as part of directed patrols. PO Aydin had no recollection of ever parking near the exit of the Brooklyn Bridge on Cadman Plaza West, and did not know where exactly he and PO Taqi parked during a directed patrol at Cadman Plaza Park. PO Aydin had no recollection of any civilians approaching the RMP on this date, nor any recollection of the RMP approaching any civilians. PO Aydin did not know if PO Taqi had facial hair on this date. (Board Review 03)

Police documents identify PO Taqi as the officer who approached § 87(2)(b). § 87(2)(b) described this officer as a South Asian or Middle Eastern male with slight facial hair, and said he was operating a van. PO Taqi was the lone South Asian or Middle Eastern man operating an SUV during this tour, and, per his statement, would have had facial hair at the time. Last, PO Aydin's memo book places PO Taqi in the vicinity of where § 87(2)(b) was approached.

Patrol Guide 212-11, defines a Request for Information (Level 1 Encounter) as an encounter between a civilian and a uniformed member of service for the purpose of requesting information. The uniformed member of service must have an objective credible reason to approach the civilian. This type of encounter does not require any suspicion of criminal activity....The person may refuse to answer questions and/or walk or even run away. (Board Review 07)

§ 87(2)(g)

Civilian and Officer CCRB Histories

- PO Taqi has been a member-of-service for 11 years, and has been a subject in one CCRB complaint and one allegation, which was not substantiated. (Board Review 04)
 - 201409032, which was withdrawn, also concerns PO Taqi allegedly approaching an individual because they were unfamiliar to him.
- This is the second CCRB complaint to which § 87(2)(b) has been named a party, yet the first CCRB complaint in which she is a victim. (Board Review 05)

Mediation, Civil and Criminal Histories

- § 87(2)(b) declined to mediate this complaint.
- § 87(2)(b) did not file a Notice of Claim with the City of New York in relation to this incident. (Board Review 06)
- [§ 87(2)(b)] [§§ 86(1)(3)&(4)] [§ 87(2)(c)]

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